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Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 30, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.4 million eggs during the week ending January 30, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.7 million eggs during the same week, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 30, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through January 30, 2021 for the United States were 751 million. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 30, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.9 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	33,424	33,425	33,144	33,317	33,306	33,381	97
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	103
Georgia	34,608	34,438	34,414	32,870	33,083	33,726	95
South Carolina	5,879	5,770	5,618	5,914	5,878	5,872	102
United States	236,749	236,850	234,337	235,751	234,543	235,074	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), February 3, 2021

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	23,088	24,414	23,720	24,341	24,914	24,239	97
Florida	1,291	1,182	1,297	1,309	1,321	1,367	105
Georgia	25,293	26,993	26,809	26,418	25,829	25,934	95
South Carolina	5,787	4,993	5,403	4,938	5,096	5,474	101
United States	183,069	188,541	189,060	188,129	187,935	186,011	98

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Alabama	33,424	33,425	33,144	33,317	33,306	33,381
Arkansas	24,253	24,178	24,319	24,446	24,405	24,556
Delaware	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,948	4,948
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	34,608	34,438	34,414	32,870	33,083	33,726
Kentucky	7,889	7,693	7,534	8,025	8,003	7,607
Louisiana	3,532	3,532	2,987	3,516	3,562	3,516
Maryland	7,636	7,639	7,637	7,640	7,635	7,380
Mississippi	17,929	17,885	17,222	17,660	17,127	17,804
Missouri	9,198	9,227	9,165	9,149	9,244	9,244
North Carolina	23,668	24,130	23,969	24,330	24,151	23,920
Oklahoma	6,972	7,068	7,058	7,183	7,072	6,944
Pennsylvania	6,293	6,293	6,318	6,293	6,336	6,315
South Carolina	5,879	5,770	5,618	5,914	5,878	5,872
Texas	18,052	18,280	17,728	17,761	17,505	18,115
Virginia	6,415	6,509	6,432	6,505	6,462	6,313
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,173	13,085	13,068	13,039	13,227	13,180
Other States	11,950	11,820	11,846	12,225	11,390	11,044
United States	236,749	236,850	234,337	235,751	234,543	235,074
Percent of previous year	99	100	99	98	99	98

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Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

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Alabama	23,088	24,414	23,720	24,341	24,914	24,239
Arkansas	22,112	20,607	20,689	22,064	21,812	22,251
Delaware	4,047	5,160	4,616	4,952	4,533	4,306
Florida	1,291	1,182	1,297	1,309	1,321	1,367
Georgia	25,293	26,993	26,809	26,418	25,829	25,934
Kentucky	5,479	6,369	5,710	6,345	5,740	6,586
Louisiana	2,677	2,961	3,125	3,002	3,015	2,575
Maryland	6,493	4,704	5,239	4,489	4,865	5,542
Mississippi	14,762	15,203	15,149	15,129	15,013	14,464
Missouri	5,516	5,921	6,542	6,763	6,480	5,925
North Carolina	19,288	19,735	19,639	19,207	19,594	19,280
Oklahoma	4,096	4,880	4,273	3,206	3,744	3,584
Pennsylvania	4,760	4,771	4,785	4,760	4,889	4,771
South Carolina	5,787	4,993	5,403	4,938	5,096	5,474
Texas	14,083	14,687	14,896	14,680	14,572	14,322
Virginia	4,874	5,757	5,732	6,021	6,408	5,731
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,363	10,620	11,815	11,522	11,323	10,713
Other States	9,060	9,584	9,621	8,983	8,787	8,947
United States	183,069	188,541	189,060	188,129	187,935	186,011
Percent of previous year	97	99	100	99	98	98

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